

Honey

Arizona's honey production during 2009 was estimated at 1.04 million pounds, down 35 percent from 2008. Average yield from the 20,000 honey producing colonies was 52 pounds per colony, 12 pounds less than last year.

Prices for the 2009 honey crop averaged \$1.53 per pound, an increase of 27 cents from last year. The value of the honey produced by Arizona apiarists was estimated at \$1.59 million, decrease of 21 percent from 2008.

Estimates of honey production and colonies represent operations where honey is taken from colonies for sale or human consumption. Honey produced by beekeepers with fewer than five colonies is not included. Packaged bees and bees for pollination are included only if some honey was removed for human consumption.

Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Price, and Value

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Honey producing colonies (<i>1,000</i>) ^{1/}	35	32	36	30	30	25	20
Yield per colony (<i>Pounds</i>)	72	55	50	65	64	64	52
Production (<i>1,000 Pounds</i>)	2,520	1,760	1,800	1,950	1,920	1,600	1,040
Average price per pound (<i>Dollars</i>) ^{2/}	1.34	1.11	1.04	0.91	1.26	1.26	1.53
Value of production (<i>1,000 Dollars</i>) ^{3/}	3,377	1,954	1,872	1,775	2,419	2,016	1,591

^{1/} Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was taken during the year. It is possible to take honey from colonies which did not survive the entire year.

^{2/} Average price per pound based on expanded sales.

^{3/} Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound.

Honey Production & Price 2003-2009

